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# Better Care Fund Plan Year End 2022-23

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<b>Report being considered by:</b>	Health and Wellbeing Board
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## 1. Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to share the Better Care Fund (BCF) end of year report for 2022-2023 and the Adult Social Care (ASC) Discharge Fund end of year report for 2022-23. Both reports received delegated sign-off from the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023, ahead of submission to NHS England on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

To note the attached BCF end of year report for 2022 and 2023 and the ASC Discharge Fund end of year report for 2022 and 2023 (last tab on the attached spreadsheet).

## 3. Executive Summary

The Better Care Fund is a national vehicle for driving health and social care integration, using pooled budgets. The Adult Social Discharge Fund was announced in November 2022, with an additional £500 million provided nationally to tackle delays with discharging patients from hospitals who are fit to leave and free up hospital beds. The Adult Social Discharge Fund has been pooled with the Better Care Fund. There is a requirement for local authorities to submit end of year reports to NHS England to explain how the funding has been spent and the impacts of the expenditure. This report sets out how the two funding streams have been spent in West Berkshire.

## 4. Supporting Information

- 4.1 The Better Care Fund Policy Framework for 2022-2023 provides continuity from the previous rounds of the programme and there is a requirement to submit an end of year template.
- 4.2 Due to the pressures the NHS experienced last year, in particular acute hospitals. The Government also announced details of the £500m Adult Social Care Discharge Funding in late November 2022. This funding was distributed to both Local Authorities and Integrated Care Boards (ICB's) and pooled into the local Better Care Fund (BCF), 40% at the end of December 2022 and 60% at the end of January 2023.
- 4.3 Local Authorities were required to submit a plan on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022 outlining how they intended to use the funding. In line with usual BCF requirements the plan

required sign-off from Chairman of HWB and agreement from the Berkshire West Integrated Care Board.

### **BCF year-end report**

4.4 This report confirms that we met the four national conditions: -

- (1) The plan has been agreed for the Health and Wellbeing Board area that includes all mandatory funding and this is included in a pooled fund governed under section 75 of the NHS Act 2006 (This should include engagement with district councils on use of Disabled Facilities Grant in two tier areas)"
- (2) The planned contribution to social care from the NHS minimum contribution is agreed in line with the BCF policy
- (3) Agreement to invest in NHS commissioned out of hospital services
- (4) Plan for improving outcomes for people being discharged from hospital

4.5 This report provides an update on the four national metrics: -

- (1) **Avoidable Admissions** – we have continued to perform well in this area and were on track to meet target. Our end of year position against a plan of 539 was 521.
- (2) **Percentage of people discharged to their normal place of residence** – we were on track to meet target. Our end of year position according the SUS data, against a plan of 91% was 91%. Although we have been under reporting to Locality Integration Board throughout the year - a deep dive into the backing data is currently taking place to see if a trust is duplicating records locally.
- (3) **Residential Admissions** - Our year end position against a plan of 612 was 645. We had a huge spike in May 2022, which we believe was caused by the use of Covid funding. During the year 87 new clients were admitted into Residential/Nursing homes from the Hospital route and 62 clients were admitted following a planned/unplanned hospital episode. This is something we need to review in 23-25 and further work needs to be done on the trusted assessor approach in the acute setting and there also needs to be more scrutiny of the pathways. This will be a priority in 2023-2025.
- (4) **Reablement** – we have performed well in this area and were on track to meet target. Our year end position against a plan of 85% was 88%.

4.6 This report provides a summary of the income and expenditure for 2022-23.

4.7 The planned expenditure of £14,567,441 was increased by £185,048 to £14,752,490 in year. (£66,000 contingency, £34,035 CHS project, £17,090.78 SCAS, £67,921.78 PMO – all from the ICB allocation).

4.8 We had an under spend of £340,205 against £14,752,490 which will be carried forward into 2023/2024 to support our new priorities.

4.9 This report outlines two successes and two challenges experienced during 2022-23.

4.10 The successes included: -

- (1) **Strong, system-wide governance and systems leadership** - In order to ensure our system was as robust as possible during the winter, we supported the "Be Well this Winter" campaign. This campaign ran from December 2022 - March 2023 and enhanced the key messages of our urgent care centre, financial support, mental health, self-care and winter wellbeing tips to avoid unnecessary hospital admissions during the winter months. The scheme was supported by the LA's cost of living hub and the BOB ICS's Health on the Move Van. The scheme delivered 18 hosted sessions, 13 health on the move events, 375 residents engaged, 274 had a Covid booster, 1558 resources were distributed and 1590 making every contact count conversations were held.
- (2) **Good quality and sustainable provider market** - we sustained our provider market during increased activity from all of the hospitals we support: 3 Acute, 1 Community and 1 Mental Health. We used some of our ASC Discharge Funding to offer Domiciliary Care Providers an incentive of £450 for every patient that was discharged from hospital on pathway 1 within 1-2 days of appearing on the Medically fit to go list.

4.11 The challenges included: -

- (1) **Local contextual factors (e.g. financial health, funding arrangements, demographics, urban vs rural factors)** - our admissions into residential and nursing homes remains high. Data from March 2023 suggests that 87 new clients were admitted into a residential/nursing home through the hospital route. Further work needs to take place to understand why these numbers are so high.
- (2) Reporting on the ASC Discharge Fund has been particularly challenging for both the Local Authority's data and finance teams due to pressures with year end, the new Client Level Data and by fact that these teams are small.

### **ASC Discharge Fund year-end report**

4.12 This report is contained on the last tab of the spreadsheet and provides an update on spend and activity between 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

4.13 This spend and activity supported the discharge of people from hospital when they were fit to leave.

4.14 The impact of this funding was that more hospital beds were available for those that needed them and people were able to recover at home or in residential care instead of spending too long in hospital.

4.15 The total spend within this plan was £1,184,415.

## 5. Options Considered

None

## 6. Proposal(s)

The Board is asked to note the report. No decision is required.

## 7. Conclusion(s)

As this is an end of year report that has already been submitted to NHS England, it is being brought to the Board for information only.

## 8. Consultation and Engagement

The following were consulted prior to submission of the reports to NHS England on 2<sup>nd</sup> May: Councillor Graham Bridgman, Health and Wellbeing Board Chairman; Paul Coe, Interim Executive Director - People; Joseph Holmes, Executive Director – Resources; and members of the Locality Integration Board.

## 9. Appendices

Appendix A – BCF year end 2022-23 Template (Excel spreadsheet).

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### Background Papers:

West Berkshire Better Care Fund Plan, Health and Wellbeing Board (9 December 2022)

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### Health and Wellbeing Priorities Supported:

The proposals will support the following Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities:

- Reduce the differences in health between different groups of people
  - Support individuals at high risk of bad health outcomes to live healthy lives
  - Help families and young children in early years
  - Promote good mental health and wellbeing for all children and young people
  - Promote good mental health and wellbeing for all adults
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# Appendix A